



REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION



CPS Chief's Reports: Calgary Police Service & Edmonton Police Service Beats Exchange

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Commission Role

Information only Approval

Type of Meeting

- Full Commission meeting
 Governance and Personnel (G&P) Sub-Committee
 Finance and Audit (F&A) Sub-Committee
 Complaint Oversight (COC) Sub-Committee
 Anti-Racism Committee

Purpose

This report is intended to inform the Calgary Police Commission about an initiative being undertaken by the Calgary Police Service (CPS) and the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) to participate in a Downtown Beats exchange. This initiative is aimed at sharing leading practices in addressing crime and social disorder in the Core of the two major cities in Alberta. This report is being provided to outline basic information in the event the deployments attract media attention.

Key Messages

- Starting in the month of February, the CPS and EPS are planning to participate in a Downtown Beats exchange program. Both agencies operate Beats (neighbourhood foot patrols) and there is an interest in members working with each other to share leading practices.
- This exchange is one of the programs that is aligned with the 2023 Annual Policing Plan initiative aimed at reducing crime and disorder in the downtown with partner and support agencies by Q4.
- The members will be responding in full uniform (a few at a time) and working along-side the partner agency for a period of a few days at a time so there will be negligible impact to resourcing.
- A Memorandum of Understanding was drafted and reviewed by agency legal advisors and subsequently approved. It covers off the typical aspects that you would expect for an inter-agency deployment of this type.

Background

As both organizations (CPS and EPS) strive to address challenges associated with crime and social disorder in the core, it was recognized that there would be benefits of observing and partnering among the Downtown Beats Teams to explore operational practices aimed at optimizing safety. This program, which was initiated out of District 1, will see the deployment of CPS members (in CPS uniform) to work in Edmonton for a few shifts with their Beats Teams. We will also see members of the EPS deployed into Calgary (in EPS uniform) to work among our Beats Teams locally.

Some of the anticipated benefits of this deployment include the exploring of different practices to address crime and disorder, sharing of experiences in working through challenging situations such as the circumstances that led to Operation East Side.

This interagency cooperation and collaboration is aligned with our efforts toward working with partners to optimize our approaches.

Attachments

Nil.

Approval signatures

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